by the United States and in part by private business corporations is a relation unwise and unsafe for the government and should be terminated at once; that the other ownrs can afford to surrender their rights now on much better terms for the government than after they have made their improve-ments, and that no outlay of money can contribute more than this to the future wel-fare of the capital of the country."

What the Government Should Own. As far back as 1894 Capt. Derby, corps of engineers, reported that "There can be no doubt that the United States and the Dis trict of Columbia should own the rights to at least twice the amount of water that is now taken from the Potomac, say 3,000,000 gallons per day; and that, if they do not now own these rights, it would be more

economical to secure them now than later. In the same year Gen. Thos. L. Casey chief of engineers, in recommending a condemnation bill, said it "should be so worded as to enable the United States not only to acquire title to all lands and water rights at and in the vicinity of the Great Falls but also to use the water so taken to actute machinery located anywhere, in connec tion with the public service of the District

Col. George H. Elliott, Corps of Enginewrs, who was in charge of the Washington aqueduct for many years, in reporting favorably upon a pending condemnation bill in 1804, said he considered the proposed legislation "more important than any other that has been enacted since the construction of the aqueduct.

### Col. Elliott's Advice.

Col. Elliott also said in his report "I think it would be wise that the United States acquire now, under the exercise of the right of eminent domain provided for in the bill, all of the water and water rights at Great Falls, their owners to be paid the amounts to be ascertained in the fair and just manner described in the bill.

"If Congress would authorize the taking, fer the operation of the provisions of bill, of all the water flowing at Great Falls, there would not only be no limit to the quantity of water available for supply to the District, but there would doubtless be an abundance of water remaining for hydraulic machinery (turbines) below the alls, sufficient to operate a number of elecablic buildings, the lighting of all of our streets, and possibly the working of ma-chinery for the raising of water to the rapidly increasing portion of the District that is above the area that can be sup-ulted by gravity."

### Col. Miller's Opinion.

Col. Miller, Corps of Engineers, United States army, who is now in charge of the Washington aqueduct, is not at all concarned over the possibility of the rallroad syndicate installing power plants at the Great Falls or in other ways utilizing such riparian rights as the syndicate may possess. He says that such a prospect need not force the government into acquiring all the water rights at the Great Falls, out of any sense of protection to the water supply of Washington. He says the government has all the water it needs or is likely soon to need for the supply of the

city.

Col. Miller, expressing a personal opinion, says he is opposed to the government constructing lighting or power plants at the Great Falls to compete with private

If the syndicate desires to put in a power If the syndicate desires to put in a power plant at Great Falls, it will be necessary to construct a dam below the government dam. Col. Miller says this would not interfere seriously with the government's property. It would only affect the periodical cleaning out of the intake, and that could easily be pigvided for in another way. As a matter of fact, the construction of another dam would be of benefit to the government dam, as it would strengthen the latter structure in times of heavy he latter structure in times of heavy freshets in the river.

## MAZET COMMITTEE RESUMES.

### Witnesses Testify to Violations of Excise Law in Concert Halls. NEW YORK, May 31.-The assembly in

vestigating committee resumed its sessions here today, Chairman Mazet presiding, Police Commissioner York was the first witness called, and Mr. Moss questioned him at considerable length regarding the policy of the police commissioners toward the excise law in concert halls, and one of the witnesses characterized the conduct of the women in the boxes as indecent.

The Tombs prison management was taken up. Warden J. J. Hagan was called to the

He said there were about 300 prisoners in the Tombs, of whom 49 were women, 25 of the grounds. them awaiting trial. During the day, he said, the women are allowed to congregate in a corridor, which is about 75 by 20 feet, The same food was provided for all classes f prisoners. Women who had been imprisoned in the

Tombs testified that they were not af-forded the necessary facilities for cleanli-ness, and one of them, who had been acness, and one of them, who had been ac-cused of connection with a gang of swind-lers, swore that the officer who took her from prison to court insulted her. The witness also complained that in the corrihavior and language were disgusting

### YELLOW JACK IN NEW ORLEANS. Case of Miss Grillo, Who Died Sunday, So Reported.

NEW ORLEANS, May 31.-Miss Grillo, aged seventeen years, living on Royal street, was reported on Saturday by her physician as being III with symptoms of yellow fever. Miss Grillo died Sunday aftermoon. An autopsy was-held, the result of which was laid before experts, who reached the conclusion that the case presented evidences of yellow fever.

Under an agreement with several board of health, the finding of the experts was telegraphed to them, also the fact that there was no other case in New Orleans in any way suspicious.

### ELECTRIC STORM AT KANSAS CITY. Light Plants and Telegraph Com

panies Seriously Inconvenienced. KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 31,-Kansas electric storm after midnight that lasted for an hour. In this city the electric light plants were temporarily disabled by lightning running in on the wires.

Telegraph companies dependent upon them for power to run their dynamo batteries were interrupted, and electric lights in all parts of the city went out. No re-ports of serious damage in the country have so far been received. Several adja-cent cities were cut off from telegraphic communication for several hours.

### KRUGER AT BLOEMFONTEIN.

### President of the Transvanl Republic Discusses His Mission.

BLOEMFONTEIN, Orange Free State, May 31.—President Kruger, on his arrival here yesterday to attend the conference with Sir Alfred Milner, governor of Cape Colony and British high commissioner for South Africa, arranged for the purpose of considering the demands of the Outlanders. was received by a guard of honor at the ratiroad station, which was decorated in his honor. He was welcomed by the pres-bleat of Orange Free State, M. T. Steyn, and the cabinet. Salutes were fired and the Transvaul national hymn was played. Replying to an address, President Kruger said he had come here to work for the

said he had come here to work for the wel-fare of the whole of South Africa and to discuss all questions except the indepen-dence of the Transvaai.

### Mr. Hobart at the White House Vice President and Mrs. Hobart took

lunch with President and Mrs. McKinley this afternoon. The Vice President was driven back to his home. He is daily improving, but is still weak. He has lost much flesh.

## The Passau Fund.

Subscriptions for the benefit of the family of the late Sergeant Passau have been received by The Evening Star as follows: Heretofore acknowledged.....

## ALUMNAE

bration at Georgetown Convent.

INTERESTING INCIDENTS OF THE DAY SECRETARY GAGE GIVES HIS VIEWS WILL NOT CAUSE SERIOUS DELAY

Old Friendships Renewed and Old Friends Remembered.

FEATURES OF EXERCISES

A solemn mass of requiem at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Georgetown, for the repose of the souls of deceased sisters and slumnae ushered in the closing day of the convent centenary. Where flowers and gay colors predominated yesterday the emblems of mourning were conspicuous today. The celebrant of the mass was Most Reverend Sebastian Martinelli, apostolic delegate; deacon, Rev. Jerome Daugherty, S.J., and subdeacon, Rev. John Brosnan, S. J. The music was sung by the following quartet: Mrs. Armand Gumprecht, Miss G. Edith McCoy, Mr. William McFarland and Mr. James Nolan, led by Mr. Harry Wheaton Howard.

The church was thronged and the service most solemn and impressive.

Reunion of Alumnae. The reunion of the alumnae at the convent followed the mass. The entertainment, which was planned for 10:30, was ielayed an hour. The interval of waiting, however, was full of pleasure and excitement, both to the sisters and their guests the alumnae. The register in the hall, on which are now inscribed hundreds of old pupils' names, was the center of much in-Pupils of 1841 and a few years later met about it and had as much enjoy-ment as the younger lookers on in loaning each other spectacles and laughing at their attempts to make their signatures as plain as those blessed with younger eyes. The big bell in the hall was rung for the assembling of the audience in the music hall, where the stage was set with woodland scenery in anticipation of the entertainment this evening.

Program of Exercises. The opening number on the program was an alumnae chorus, "La Carita," adapted from Rossint and sung by Washington pupils. Miss Mary Wilcox accompanied on the piano, Mrs. Julius Walsh, formerly Josephine Dickson, and Miss Leila Johnson, both of St. Louis, were the harpists Mrs. Zaidee Jones Smith sang the solos with fine effect. It was hoped to have had an address by Mrs. Emily Warren Roebling, but owing to liness she was unable to be present. The other numbers on the pro-gram included soprano solo, L'Ete, Chaminade, Miss May O'Connor of Wilmington, N. C: piano solo, Ernani, Verdi-Liszt, Miss Katharine B. Kirby of Washington; aria from Maria de Rohan, Donizetti, Mrs Susan Crawford Gebble of Philadelphia resitation, Miss Pauletta Keena of St. Louis: soprano solo, Mrs. Zaidee Jones Smith: alumnae chorus, Annie Laurie (har-

monized by Dudley Buck).

The centennial ode written by Miss Harriet Monroe of Chicago was read at her request by her former classmate, Mrs. Elia Whittborne Harvey of Baltimore. Miss Monroe is famous as the writer of the cen-tennial ode at the world's fair' opening. She has been recently very ill, and is now recuperating at Phoenix. Ariz. She sent her congratulations yesterday by telegram

agreets at not being present.

According to the first chorus the following alumnae were the accompanists: Piano, Miss Helen Squire: harps, Mrs. Josephine Dickson Walsh, Miss Mary Conrad and Miss Fanny Ross Franklin.

### Dr. Stafford's Address.

To a large number the greatest attraction of the morning exercises was natural. ly the address by Rev. Dr. Stafford, which came at the close. Dr. Stafford was unusually eloquent, and his subject, "Convent Education" gave him wide scope for scholarly address, which was heard with interest by the large audience

Shortly after 1 o'clock the alumnae had luncheon together and the merry scenes of yesterday were repeated. The school girls had their meal together in their refectory the nuns in their own refectories, and the alumnae in the flower-decked pavillion on

## Closing Features.

This afternoon at 4 o'clock the alumnae will meet again to revive the alumnae asacciation started in this city a few years ago. Informal discussion yesterday showed the desire of the members to make this a great feature of the centennary. While permanent organization may not be effected today, a great start in that direction will be made. Mrs. Julius Walsh of St. Louis and Mrs. Roebling of New York are talked of for the presidency of the association.

Mrs. Potter Palmer telegraphed yesteriay from New York that she hoped to be at the convent for this meeting and the concluding exercises this evening.

entertainment at 6:30 this evening will be given by the young ladies of the senior classes. "Alma Mater," an alle-gorical drama in three acts, will be pregorical drama in three acts, will be pre-sented. The following is the cast: Alma Mater, Miss Cecilia A. Delevant Church, Miss Mary A. O'Brien; Faith, Miss Rose Shea; Hope, Miss May Sullivan; Char-ity, Miss Stella Flynn; Chastity, Miss Bea-trice Brady; Prayer, Miss Edith Dempsey; Humility, Miss Gertrude Reynoids; Learn-ing, Miss Napette Paschall; Song Miss ing, Miss Nanette Paschall; Song, Miss Gertrude Hurley; Angel of Justice, Miss Claire Kirby; Ignorance, Miss Viola Palms; Claire Kirby; Ignorance, Miss Viola Palms; Folly, Miss Anne Booker; Vanity, Miss Helen Lavell; Prejudice, Miss Harriet Mannen; Envy, Miss Florence Turtle; Calumny, Miss Agnes Romadka; Per-secution, Miss Susan Sullivan; Fear, Miss Mary Graham; Temptation, Miss Edith Marmion; Discouragement, Miss Valerie Etheridge Moran; Liberty, Miss Agnes Hamlin; Unity, Miss Ellen Mc-Mahon; District of Columbia, Miss Jose-phine Walsh; Maryland, Miss Susan Sulliphine Walsh: Maryland, Miss Susan Sullivan; Virginia, Miss Anne Booker; Massa-chusetts, Miss May Johnson; New York, Miss Harriet Mannen; Pennsylvania, Miss Mary Grabam; California, Miss Edith Marmion; other states, visitation houses, eight little children and four generations of pu-pils; Great-grandmother, Miss Susan Sulli-van; Grandmother, Miss Helen Heinz; Mo-

ther, Miss Valerie Moran; Child, Miss An-tolnette Ray; Senior Pupil, Miss A. Estelle Sterv. reception committee, compo Miss Elia Loraine Dorsey, Mrs. McHale, Mrs. William F. Byrns, Miss Marie Pat-terson and Miss Conrad, has been the re-cipient of many congratulatory remarks. They have worked early and late each day. and much of the great success of the en-tire celebration is due to them, although each member of the various committees

### has worked zealously. Gifts of Graduates. Graduates and former pupils from St

Louis presented yesterday to the convent

an exquisite Bohemian glass dish, in which

were \$500 in gold. Miss Fanny Abell of Baltimore gave another \$500 in gold, and the Washington graduates and pupils expect to present a similar testimonial. Message From the Pope. In response to a letter sent the pope son time ago by the sisters of Georgietown Convent there was received during the ban-

quet yesterday the following cablegram from his holiness Leo XIII, signed by Cardinal Rampolla, papal secretary of

### "The holy father heartily congratulates the Convent of the Visitation on the occa-sion of its jubilee and affectionately blesses it." Centennial Notes. The following young men, students of

Georgetown College, were ushers at the services yesterday morning at Holy Trinity Church and again this morning: Messrs. Metzger, O'Neill, Wimsatt, Donegan, Head, O'Shea, Loughlin, Devlin, Hallahan and Brown.

Mrs. Russell Harrison, looking as pretty and as young as she was during her White House residence, is the recipient of a great deal of attention from old friends among the alumnae

Head of a Department.

Reasons for Excluding Certain What the Department Will Do in He Has an Interview With McKis-Places.

Secretary Gage today gave to a represenative of The Star his views as to the Presiient's recent civil service order. He said: "The President has not made a change in the civil service rules that was not urged by the head of the department concerned, and urged with satisfying reasons why the change would be beneficial to the transaction of public business. I believe that is true of all the departments. While I cannot speak with authority of other departments, it is certainly true with the treasury. No change was made in the civil service regulations affecting the treasury that we did not recommend to the President on our own initiative.

nor have the reasons for the changes which the experience of administration may explain, been comprehended by persons not lose to the administration of public af The only large class of places in the

"The order is not yet well understood

treasury service which have been exempted are the deputy collectors of internal revenue, and politics has had nothing to do with that exemption. I have given that question the most careful study, and I do not believe it was either lawful or just to have the places of deputy collectors of internal reve-nue included in the classified service.

### Deputy Collectors. "Section 3148 of the United States Re-

rised Statutes thus provides: 'Each collecor shall be authorized to appoint, by an nstrument in writing, under his hand, as many deputies as he may think proper, to be by him compensated for their services to revoke any such appointment, giving notice thereof as the commissioner of internal revenue may prescribe; and to require and accept bonds or other securities from such deputies. Each such deputy shall have the like authority, in every respect, to collect the taxes, levied or assessed, within the portion of the district assigned to him which is by law vested in the collector him-self; but each collector shall, in every respect, be responsible both to the United States and to individuals, as the case may be, for all moneys collected, and for every act done or neglected to be done by any of

his deputies while acting as such.

"Deputy collectors of internal revenue, therefore, are not appointed by the head of the Treasury Department, and are not directly amenable to him. They differ practically from all other employes in any way connected with this department. The law authorizing the appointment of deputy collectors of internal revenue gives the power of appointment to the collectors. The deputies are responsible to the collectors only, and not to the general government. The responsibility to the government is through the collector, a responsibility for which the deputy must give bonds to the collector. The collectors are responsible for the action of these deputies, both to the public and to the government and Congress recognizing that fact ment and Congress recognizing that fact gave to the collectors the appointing power. believe these reasons leave no room for discussion as to the propriety of excepting these places from the classified service.

### Private Secretaries.

"Another class of exceptions has been the private secretaries to certain bureau heads. The list is not a long one, and it is not the character of place which will be opened to political pressure. A man should be free to choose his confidential secretary for in no connection does the personal equation, which is quite unmeasurable by civil service commission, have greate

weight.
"The exceptions in the Alaskan service have been made necessary by the great distance from Washington, and the time nsumed in making certifications and apointments under civil service regulations "The half dozen exceptions in the mint service are of positions where the employes have extraordinary financial responsibility, and these exceptions were recommended by the civil service commission after a careful examination of the conditions.

"It should be noted that in the case of

sarly all these excepted places, with the exception of private secretaries, it is provided that the person appointed must successfully pass an examination equivalent to the one held by the commission for postions of like character. There is no letting down in the requirements for ascertained fitness, and in my opinion there will be no leterioration in the qualifications of people

## appointed. Not a Step Backward.

"I do not regard the changes in any ense a step backward. The inclusive order of President Cleveland, bringing, as it did, every place to which appointment was made by the Secretary of the Treasury into the classified service, with the exception of his private secretary and stenographer, was too broad. I think it was generally con-ceded at the time it was made that it would probably be found too broad. It included in the classified service many places to which at the time no especial consideration was given, for it swept in everything. The decision to take out some of these places has not been hasty. The trial has extended now for three years, and the numer of exceptions compared with the 65,000 places that were included in President lleveland's order relatively are few. It is a matter of great surprise and satisfaction that experience has not shown that the ex-captions now made should be more numerous rather than so few."

## ATHLETIC STUDENTS EXPELLED.

onsternation Reigns at the Mary land Agricultural College.

The expulsion of three of the cadets from the Maryland Agricultural College on Sunday last for refusing to undergo certain punishment for infraction of the regulations has created consternation among the cadets. Captain Silvester, president of the college, was very loath to take such extreme measures, but recognized the imporance of upholding strict discipline. The eadets expelled were Wolf, Devon and Rheur. Devon is captain and catcher of the base ball team, and has been, it is understood, in the preparatory department for pitcher of the team and has participated n all of the intercollegiate games, losing but one. Wolf is the leading batsman of the team. The expulsion of these men practically puts the Maryland Agricultural College out of the race for the state col-legiate championship and assures the pennant to the Gallaudets, the latter team be ing tied with the Agriculturists for first honors. A great deal of pressure was brought to bear upon the president for but without avail. especially the members of the athletic association, are much exercised over the un fortunate circumstance.

The Colored Republican League of Prince

George's County celebrated its first anniversary yesterday with a large meeting at the George Washington House in Bladensburg, with a full brass band in attendance. B. M. McDonald of Bladensburg presided, with Gabriel Diggs of Mar boro as secretary. Eight of the fifteen districts were represented. The object of the meeting was the harmonizing of the vote. The meeting was declared against pledged delegations from primary meetings, and voted to knife any republican ticket nominated this fall which there are no colored representatives, asserting that colored voters demanded rec-ognition for their services rendered in the

Poor Health Caused Suicide.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 31.-Robert Creighton, quartermaster's clerk on the ransport Sheridan, has committed suicide by shooting himself through the temple by shooting number through the temple with a revolver. He was a native of New York, aged about fifty. He recently ar-rived here from Manila. Despondency on account of ill-health is the supposed

the Price Fixed by Congress.

the Matter.

NOT A STEP BACKWARD SHIPS TO BE PROTECTED NO DEFINITE RESULTS

Naval circles were keenly interested today in the opening of bids for the large quantity of armor for the battle ships, conitors and armored cruisers authorized by Congress, which had been set for noon at the office of the Secretary of the Navy. At that hour a number of the leading naval officials and heads of large steel and iron concerns assembled to learn the results. These proved entirely disappointing to the officials, as it was found that the two leadng armor companies-the Bethlehem Iron ompany and the Carnegie Steel Company -had refused to bid, on the ground that the armor could not be furnished at the prices fixed, while the only actual bid submitted was that of Burnstine Bros., of San Francisco, at a price above that fixed by Congress, and on condition that delivery was to begin five years hence. Both the Carnegie and Bethlehem companies sub-mitted statements showing why they had declined to bid. The letter of the Carnegie Company is as follows: "THE CARNEGIE COMPANY, LTD.

"Referring to your advertisements, etc., inviting proposals for about 24,000 tons of amor plate and appurtenances, we regret to inform you that, owing to the conditions in reference to ballistic requirements, stipulated in the conditions in reference to ballistic requirements, stipulated in the conditions in product to the conditions of the conditions lated in the circular, in order to fulfill which would necessitate the armor being manufactured under the latest Krupp system, thereby entailing a much increased cost of manufacture, we are unable to tender, under the limiting price per ton set forth in the proposal. We are quite willing, however, to furnish all or any part of this armor under the same conditions and prices governing our present contracts nd prices governing our present contracts for the armor of the Wisconsin and Illi-

nois. Very respectfully,
"THE CARNEGIE STEEL COMPANY,
Limited, by C. M. Schwab, President."
The Bethelem company's letter said in

"We regret that owing to the great se verity of the ballistic tests, which necessi-tates the employment of a Kruppized pro-cess, it is impossible for us to furnish the armor at the prices stipulated by Congre as the maximum that can be paid. are prepared to furnish all or any part of this armor at the same price and un-der the same conditions as the armor which we are now making for the Illinois and

THE BETHLEHEM IRON COMPANY. "By Robert Linderman, President." Both President Schwab of the Carnegiand President Linderman of the Bethle hem company were present, and exchanged some good natured badgering with Rear Admiral C'Nell, chief of the ordnance bureau, and the other ordnance officials pres nt over the lack of competition. The letter of Burnstine Bros. was as

"We can furnish the Navy Department with the 24,000 tons of armor plate advertised in your circular of March 29 for \$450 per ton. The above bid is for homogeneous armor plate of steel, and to conform with the Navy Department's ballistic tests. The first delivery to begin not later than January 1 1904." ary 1, 1904."

The Burnstine Bros, have not previously figured in armor contracts, and the ord nance officials were not able to judge of their capacity to perform this class of work. But the price and the condition of furnishing the armor five years hence were

manufacturers were aware of it and had time to think it over, no one was willing to undertake the manufacture of the armo required at the limit set by Congress. I remains for the department to appeal to Congress at the next session, and present all the information bearing on the subject in the hope that adequate provision wil

Admiral O'Nefil said that while the result was a disappointment, yet it would not have the serious effect of delaying work on the ships, for the reason that the armo makers have about all they can do unti next spring, and by that time the metter can be brought to the attention of

The ships for which the armor is required are thirteen in number, viz.: Six battle ships, three armored cruisers and four mon ttors. These are divided into two classes the first being authorized by Congress two years ago, viz.: The battle ships Maine Ohlo and Missouri, and the monitors Ar kansas, Connecticut, Florida and Wyomins In this first class the limit of cost fixed by Congress was \$400, and the amount called

for was 10,000 tons.
The s-cond class constitutes the armore sips authorized by the last Congress, viz. Battle ships Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Georgia; armored cruisers West Virginia, Nebraska and California. In this class the limit of cost fixed by Congress was \$300 pc ton, and the amount called for was 14,000

The armor for the battle ships was t have a thickness of 12 inches for the sides 7 inches for casemates, 9 to 12 inches for barbettes, 11 and 12 inches for turrets and 10 inches for conning towers. The water-line belt for the monitors was to be 1 inches thick. The amount allowed by Con includes all royalties and other

## DALLAS CHAMBERS DEAD.

charges.

Boy Who Was Accidentally Shot a Sultland Park.

Dallas Chambers, the lad who, as stated in The Star of Monday, was accidentally shot in the shooting gallery of Charles Lease, at Suitland, Md., Sunday, died at 12:15 o'clock today.

Chambers was in charge of the shooting callery at Suitland Sunday last, and was accidentally shot by another small boy. The boy who shot him, it is stated, thought the gun was unloaded. Chambers was brought here and taken to

the Emergency Hospital for treatment. Drs. Mohart and Whitson found that the bullet had entered the unfortunate boy's back. The wound was at first believed to be of small conseque death resulted today. sequence, but, as stated

### Naval Orders. Lieut. W. Winder has been ordered to

temporary duty in the bureau of naviga-Lieut. S. S. Robinson, to the torpedo sta ion, Newport." Lieut. G. P. Cooper, from the Naval

cademy to the torpedo station, Newport. Lieut, E. H. Tillman, from the Naval cademy to the Essex. Lieut. T. G. Dewey, from the Essex and blaced on waiting orders.
Lieut, W. R. Shoemaker has been detach ed from command of the Talbot and order

d to the Massachusetts.

Assistant Paymaster M. R. Goldsborough Assistant Paymaster M. R. Goldsborough, to the Dolphin, relieving Passed Assistant Paymaster H. M. Ramsay, who is ordered to duty at the Washington navy yard.

Assistant Paymaster A. H. Cathcart, to the navy yard, Pensacola, relieving Passed Assistant Paymaster P. V. Mohun, who is rdered to Newport.

There was no improvement today in the ondition of Gen. Henry Heth, the ex-confederate officer, who has been ill for some time at his residence in this city. He is still very weak. The President's Western Trip. Senator Hansbrough tried to obtain

promise from the President today to visit

# REUNION CIVIL SERVICE ORDER NO BIDS-FOR ARMOR LEADERS COMING IN FINANCE AND TRADE

pected in Columbus Tonight.

"BOSS" COX ALREADY ON THE GROUND SUGAR

son of Cleveland Today.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 31.-Senator Han a will arrive this afternoon, and friends of Judge George K. Nash, candidate for the nomination for governor, claim that his strength will at once increase. There is no doubt that Senator Hanna and the national administration are favorable to the candidacy of Judge Nash, and unless his nomination seems to be specially objectionable it is altogether likely that he will be taken up

for the head of the ticket. Senator Foraker will arrive this evening He is expected to take a stand for harmony in the party and will not ally himself with any of the contestants for the nomination for governor.

George B. Cox, the Cincinnati "boss," has arrived, contrary to his usual custom, three days before the day of the nominations, and this fact is taken to indicate that he is not decided where to take his stand in the convention, and is here to get information as to the strength of the rival candidates. Every candidate for governor s here now.

No attention will be paid to the candidates for the other places on the ticket until the question of who gets the governorship is settled.

### McKisson and Cox Confer.

There was a conference between ex-Mayor McKisson of Cleveland, C. L. Kurtz, the anti-Hanna leaders and Geo. B. Cox early this morning, but the fact is not regarded as significant. All three members of the conference say nothing was agreed upon. Cox will hardly unnecessarily op-pose the national administration and jeopardize the federal patronage in Hamilton county, which he is now allowed to control. Judge Nash's friends claim that the alleged meeting of the central committee, at which an anti-Nash delegation was selected yesterday, did not have a quorum, and will fight on this ground.

## Field Against Hanna's Candidate.

The situation seems to be one of the field against Senator Hanna and his candidate, Judge Nash, with the chances in favor of Judge Nash's nomination. The opposition to Senator Hanna and the field have the majority of the delegates, but it seems quite clear that they cannot be handled solidly in opposition to the senator.

solidly in opposition to the senator.

The following is a fair estimate of the votes that the candidates for the gubernatorial nomination will have on the first ballot: Nash, 196; Daugherty, 149; Douglass, 49; Nevin, 28; Durban, 23; Hull, 17; Asa Jones, 12; Orr, 10; Morey, 8; Siving, 7; Smyser, 7; to be controlled by C. L. Kurtz, 198; contested scate 199. 108; contested seats, 169.

### YELLOW FEVER IN NEW ORLEANS. Report to the Surgeon General of the

Marine Hospital Service. The surgeon general of the marine hospital service has received confirmation of the development of a case of yellow fever in New Orleans, but no additional information has come to him. As precautionary measures he has ordered Dr. Van Ezdorf of his force to return to New Orleans, and has also given directions to Drs. Carter and sufficient to dispage of this one bid.

Can Only Appeal to Congress.

Admiral O'Neill said after the bidding closed: "The result simply indicates that while this advertisement has been before the country for weeks and all the steel manufacturers are considered by the country of the steel present absent from the city on an inspecting tour.

## THE COURTS.

ing tour.

Equity Court No. 2-Justice Cole. O'Hare agt. Fallon; John D. Sullivan appointed guardian ad litem. Robertson agt. Nalle; sale confirmed and cause referred to auditor. Dodge agt. Dodge; Robert E. Lee, jr., appointed guardian ad litem. Letora agt. Letora; divorce a vin. mat. granted. St. John's Mite Association agt. Buch'ey; rustees authorized to give several bonds. Decker agt. Lynch; pro confesso against John T. Lynch granted. Ware agt. Hasbrouck; do. against certain defendants. Fague agt. District of Columbia; injunc-

tion continued till further hearing. Circuit Court No. 1-Chief Justice Bingham Mackey, administrator, agt. Washington Asphalt Block and Tile Company; on trial.

Circuit Court No. 2-Justice Hagner. Ruby agt. Hartman; on trial. Criminal Court No. 1-Justice Clabaugh. United States agt. Jas. H. Horah, assault

o kill; nolle pres. Criminal Court No. 2-Justice Bradley United States agt. Henry Taylor, assault kill: defendant withdraws plea not guilty, and pleads guilty of simple assault; sentence, jail six months. Estate of Ezra W. Leach, and Leach agt, Lucas: motion

to sever causes and reassign overruled.

Probate Court-Justice Bradley.

Estate of Jno, E. Carpenter; petition for letters of administration filed. Estate of Henrietta R. Gockeler; will dated May 19, 1899, filed and fully proved. Estate of Reuben F. Baker; petition of administrators regarding claims filed. Estate of Huldah l'illey; will partly proved. Stewart, guardian; appraisement of rental value of real estate filed. Estate of Henry P. Montgomery; will fully proved. Estate of Christopher C. Augur; proof of publication. Estate of Chas. Stewart; final notice naming Friday, June 30, for settling estate, Estate of Geo. Irwin; inventory filed. Es-tate of Geo. S. Fraser; account passed. Estate of Catherine Smith; proof of publica

## TROUBLE OVER BONDED GOODS.

Liquor Into Alaska. PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., May 31 .- Advices from Alaska say that Deputy Collector of Customs Andrews of Skagway is having much trouble over the shipment of bonded liquor through that point. Large quantities of liquor are being shipped in bond by way of Skagway to Dawson, and as United States convey charges are high,

British Columbia shippers, knowing that

prohibitory restriction laws for Alaska will

end July 1, have allowed large quantities of liquor to accumulate in the bonded ware-

houses to await the arrival of that date.

British Columbia Shippers Pouring

o it can be entered the same as other bonded goods. The customs officials claim that shippers cannot delay goods in transit awaiting the operation of the new law, as regulations roverning the movement of liquors in Alaska makes no provision for warehous-ing. Deputy Collector Andrews threatens to ship it back to British Columbia. Shippers have appealed to Collector Ivey in the hope of delaying matters until July 1.

### Presentation of Spanish Minister. It is said at the State Department that final arrangements have not yet been made

for the formal presentation of the new Spanish minister to the United States, but that the matter will probably be settled tomorrow. The new minister will probably call on the Secretary of State tomorrow for the purpose of presenting his creden-tials and arranging for his formal recep-tion by the President of the United States. Gen. Heth's Condition Unimproved. Although not finally settled, it is probable that the presentation will take place at the White House just before the cabinet meet-White House just before the cabhet meeting on Friday next.

In case it can be arranged, the presentation of Mr. Bellamy Storer, the new United States minister to Spain, will take place

at Madrid on the same day that the Span-ish minister is formally received by the President here, and Mr. Storer is governpromise from the President today to visit the principal cities of North Dakota this summer. The President was unable to make a promise, saying that he is not now sure whether he will go further west than Minnesots.

President nere, and air. Storer is governing that he principal cities of North Dakota this heard from he was at Paris on his way to the Spanish capital with the view of making his presentation to the queen regent coincident, if possible, with the Spanish minister's reception here.

Continuation of the Centennial Cele- Every Change Recommended by Manufacturers Decline to Make It at Senators Hanna and Foraker Ex- Sharp Declines in Stocks on New York Board Today.

bushels; sales, 94,000 bushels; southern by sample, 70a70½; do. on grade, 75a70½. Corn ferner; spot, the month and June, 375a37½. Corn ferner; spot, steamer mixed, 255a25½, receipts, 180,016 bushels; steamer mixed, 255a25½, receipts, 180,016 bushels; sales, 8000 bushels; stock, 934,786 bushels; sales, 8,000 bushels; stock, 934,786 bushels; sales, 8,000 bushels; stock, 403,880 bushels, 252a25; No. 2 mixed, 295a30; receipts, 19,478 bushels; exports, 50,000 bushels; stock, 403,880 bushels. Rye dull; No. 2 western, 64 asked; receipts, 35,478 bushels; exports, none; stock, 403,880 bushels. Hay steady; choice timethy, 812,50. Grain freights more active and rates firm; steam to Liverpool, per bushel, 2d, July; Cock for orders, per quarter, 3s, 134,338, 3d., June, Sugar strong, unchanged. Butter steady, unchanged. Eggs firm, 14a14½ per dozen. Cheese steady, unchanged. Lettuce, 50c. per bushel box. Whisky steady, unchanged. BREAKS TEN

Whole Industrial List Follows, Also

Standard Shares. GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

### pecial Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, May 31 .- The triple holiday at the stock exchange falled to improv speculative sentiment or inspire confidence on the part of the outside public. London failed to hold the level of a few days ago. and, while inclined to buy today, closed weak in tone locally. There was no demand from commission houses and traders again took advantage of their control to force prices down at all points.

Later in the day liquidation of unmistakthle significance was in progress. Margined accounts were forced out at the very lowest point of the early afternoon. No support came out, and beyond the covering of short contracts there was little effort t buy any of the active issues.

The stocks in the south and southwes were first attacked under the influence of the yellow fever scare. The early season and fears of an epidemic made the pros pect for southern roads extremely unpromising from the trader's point of view. A break of nearly 10 per cent in American sugar was a factor of considerable impor tance and forced a general decline in the industrial department. The action on the dividend for the current quarter will be taken during the coming week, and there are good reasons for expecting a continuation of the present rate. This prospect, if not disappointing, should be sufficient to turn the tide of speculation in this stock

The downward plunge has reduced the price nearly \$25 per share in a very few days. Manipulation and a ruinous manage-ment are the only factors which suggest themselves in explanation of the deprecia-

The best investment issues on the The best investment issues on the list suffered substantial declines, the selling including Pennsylvania, New York Central and all the Granger roads. In a few of these stocks some scale buying was reported, but it was evident that purchasers considered to produce the product of the product to the product of the product to the product of the product Earnings are coming in quite up to expecta-tion, and the several managements of the larger roads predict a continuation of every profitable traffic.

In speculative accounts the line carried

is usually an assorted one, including known and unknown values. Because of the latter, however, the former are now being thrown over to lighten the burden. Industrial issues of the new and romantic school have been finding their true level at the banks. Sentiment being out of them, they find a slow market, and the good issues are forced out in a narrow market to offset the mistakes of over-confidence. The process is thrown over to lighten the burden. Indus mistakes of over-confidence. The process is remedial, and will result ultimately in the creation of a sound market basis. The time necessary to accomplish this end is an un-known factor, but the result is a reasonable

## FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL. New York Stock Market.

Open. High. Low. p.m

American Cotton Oii ... American Spirits ... American Spirits pfd ... A.S. Wire ... 5814 5814 95 9534 13934 13974 93 9334 Am. Steel and Wire pfd 18% 65% 25% 26% 24% 112 112 105% 52% 52% 52% 106% 52% 49% 50% 51% 51% 51% 51% 51% 51% 51% 51% 51% 127 128 149% 1151% 1151% Chesapeage & Ohio... C., C. C. & St. Louis Chicago, B. & Q. Chicago & North western 95 95 51% 51% 180% 180% 150 150 117% 118% 123% 128% 123 4 128 4 121 4 109 4 109 4 108 4 121% 122% Chicago, R. I. & Pacine. Chic St. P., M. & O. Chig. & G. Western . Consolidated Gas. 1334 Del., Lack . Den. & Rio Grande, pfd Erse Federal Steel. 12% Federal Steel, ptd 79% 117% 111 64% General Elec 661 detropontan Traction... 13534 Missouri Pacide. .... 333 National Lead Co
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New Jork Central
Northern Pacific
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Tenn. Coat & Iron.
Union Pacific.
Union Pacific, pfd
U. S. Leather, pfd S. Rubber, pfd.....

## 20 20 91% 91% 57% 58% 84% 84% \*Ex-div. 11. Washington Stock Exchange.

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Wastern Union Ter.... Reading 1sts Reading 2ds

Washington Stock Exchange.

Sales—regular call, 12 o'clock m.—U. S. 3s, reg's-tered, \$500 at 109. U. S. 3s, coupon, \$1,000 at 199, \$500 at 109. U. S. 3s, coupon, \$1,000 at 199, \$500 at 199, \$4,000 at 109. Lincoln Fire Insurance, 5 at 5%. District Title Insurance, 10 at 2%. Capital Traction, 30 at 92%, 20 at 92%, 20 at 92%, 10 at 199, 10 at

District of Columbia Bonds. 5s, 1899, District of Columbia Bonds, 5s, 1869, 2 funding, 100 bid. 7s, 1991, water stock, 10 3.65s, 1924 funding, 117-5 bid, 11845 asked, Miscellaneous Bonds, Metropolitan Railroad e debt., B, x117 asked. Columbia Railroad e debt., B, x117 asked. Columbia Railroad 2d mo 122 bid, 126 asked. Metropolitan Railroad cert. indebt., B. x117 asked. Columbia Railroad 68, 123 bid, 130 asked. Columbia Railroad 2d mort. 58, 11095 asked. Columbia Railroad 2d mort. 58, 11095 asked. City and Suburban Railroad 5s, 105 bid. Washington Gas Co. series B, 6s, 109 bid. U. S. Electric Light deb. imp., 6s, 116 asked. U. S. Electric Light deb. imp., 6s, 116 asked. U. S. Electric Light cert. indebt., 6s, 120 asked. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 5s, 104 bid. American Security and Trust 4s, 100 bid. Washington Market Co. 1st 6s, 108 bid. Washington Market Co. inp. 6s, 108 bid. Stocks. Bank of Washington, 345 bid. Metropolitan, 475 bid. Central, 109 bid. Farmers and Mechanics', 200 bid. Second, 155 bid. Columbia, 140 bid. West End, 120 bid. 125 asked. Traders', 120 bid, 125 asked.

Safe Deposit and Trust Companies.—National Safe Deposit and Trust Companies.—National Safe Deposit and Trust, 130 bid, 143 asked. Washington Lean and Trust, 155 bid, 160 asked. American Security and Trust, 198 asked. Washington Safe Deposit, 40 bid.

Insurance States Security and Trust, 198 asked. Washington Safe Deposit, 90 bid.

Insurance Stocks.—Firemen's, 34 bid. Franklin, 47 bid. 60 asked. Metropolitan, 80 bid. Corcoran, 60 bid. Potomac, 73 bid. Arilington, 140 bid. 155 asked. German-American, 210 bid. National Union, 12½ bid, 13 asked. Columbin, 13½ bid. 15 asked. Riggs, 8½ bid, 9 asked. People's, 6½ bid, 6% asked. Lincoln, 12 bid, 13 asked. Commercial, 4½ bid, 4½ asked. Lincoln, 12 bid, 13 asked. Commercial, 145 bid, 4½ asked. Columbia Title, 5½ bid, 6 asked. District Title, 2½ bid, 3 asked.

Title Insurance Stocks.—Real Estate Title, 92 bid, 110 asked. Columbia Title, 5½ bid, 6 asked. District Title, 2½ bid, 3 asked.

Railroad Stocks.—Capital Traction Co., 93 bid, 98½ bid. Metropolitan, x227 bid. Metropolitan trust receipts, 227 bid. Columbia trust receipts, 147 bid. City and Suburban, 44½ bid, 45½ asked. Gas and Electric Light Stocks.—Washington Gas, x50½ bid, 50½ zsked. U. S. Electric Light, 130 bid.

bid.
Telephone Stocks.—Chesapeake and Potomac, 77% bid, 79 asked. Pennsylvania, 42% bid, 45 asked. Miscelianeous Stocks.—Mergenthaler Limotype, 188% bid, 199 asked. Lanston Monotype, 17% bid, 18 asked. American Graphophone, 13% bid, 13% asked. American Graphophone, 13% bid, 13% asked. American Graphophone preferred, 18% bid, Pneumatic Gun Carriage, 31 bid, 36 asked. Washington Market, 13 bid. Great Falls Ice, 145 bid, 165 asked. Norfolk and Washington Steamboat, 105 bid. Lincoln Hall, 100 asked.

Ext. dividend.

NEW YORK, May 31. 5.91 5.91 5.90 5.93 Canada's Position on the Alaskr Boundary Question.

sourse would relieve them from the obligaion to maintain silence. They take the view, however, that the pendency of the subject make it inadvisable to make public the official record of the proceedings of the joint commission at this time It can be stated, however, on authority, that there is no disposition to question the

Respecting the Canadian demand for the possession of Pyramid harbor, on the Lynn canal, pending the decision of an arbitra-tion or some other competent authority that her title is good, it can be stated that the position of our government remains unchanged. It does not recognize any parallel between the Canadian claim to

declare British territory a neutral strip of the country leading from the head of the Lynn canal back across the mountains to the Canadian line has not commended itself

plying in the case without being directed so to do by a special act of Congress. It was represented to the Commissioners

tablishments are day and night left is charge of persons not licensed as engineers, the engineers, as a rule, being on duty only during the day, and leaving their engines at night in charge of a fireman or some other unlicensed man. It was stated that in one place here the man to whom the icense was issued has not been in the city or five years, and that in another a mem-er of the firm owning the establishment has a license, but practically leaves the care and running of the engine to a fireman. The committee suggested to the Commissioners that for the better protection of life and property it would be desirable for them to make such regulations as will in the future prevent such things, and Com-missioner Ross expressed the belief that the Commissioners can, acting under the authority conferred upon them by the act of Congress of 1892, make such police regu-

opposition sufficiently strong to defeat the necessary legislation had invariably devel-

Three Patients in Smallpox Hospital. Dr. Wm. C. Woodward, the District

## Pleaded Guilty.

Death of Dr. Norman Kerr. LONDON, May 31.-Dr. Norman Kerr, the

inebriate specialist, is dead.

Grain, Provisions and Cotton Markets. Furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., bankers and brokers, 1419 F st., members New York stock exchange, correspondents Messrs, La-denburg, Thaimann & Co., New York. CHICAGO, May 31,-Grain: High. 79% 79 33% 34% 23% 20% Tow. Close 78 784 784 324 331 34 224 231 1074 201 CHICAGO, May 31.-Provision Low. 7,90 8,95 4,92 5,05 4,50 4,65

## NOT STATED ACCURATELY.

Government Bonds.

per cents, registered. per cents, registered, 1908-1928....

per cents, coupon, 1908-1928, per cents, registered, 1907, per cents, coupon, 1907, per cents, coupon, 1907, per cents, coupon, 1925, per cents, registered, 1904, per cents, coupon, 1904,

Corn-July.

Pork-July ...

Lard July

The officials here are unwilling to be lrawn into a controversy publicly over the Canadian boundary question, even though the matter has been made the subject of a statement in the house at Ottawa by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, which in the ordinary negotiations with Great Britain on this

entire accuracy of the statement made by Sir Wilfrid yesterday as to the position of the Canadians respecting arbitration. But this is subject to the important qualification that the statement referred to a state of affairs existing when the commission was in session and at its termination and not later. Since then there have been negotiations directly between the British government and the government of the United States, conducted of late through Mr. Choate and Lord Salisbury in London, and of what has taken place there Sir Wiland of what has taken place there Sir Wil-frid Laurier's statement takes no account, It is reiterated in the most earnest manner by the officials here that in these negotia-tions Canada stood in the way of an agree-ment which the British authorities, after mature consideration, had accepted as emi-nently fair and just ently fair and just.

Pyramid harber and our own claim to Dyea and Skagway. Of the latter we have been in undisputed possession for many years, in fact, our title has never before been questioned. Canada, on the other hand, never asserted any claim to Pyramid harbor until lately, and has never been in even temporary possession, so that the legal aspects of the claims are entirely The proposition from the British side to

to the State Department, which fails to see why the United States should voluntarily surrender absolute title to territory belong ing to the United States

UNLICENSED ENGINEERS. Local Association Asks Commissioners for Protective Measures. Messrs. J. W. Caldwell, L. J. Garner, A. W. Leeke and James J. Breen, a committee representing Eccentric Association, No. 1. of Steam Engineers of this city, today called upon the District Commissioners for the purpose of securing protection in the pursuit of their calling. First they inquired whether the Commissioners are author-

ized to classify the licenses of steam engineers into three classes, and whether they have authority to grade the steam plants into three classes, giving each class a stipulated horse power that will enable It to be operated by a corresponding grade or class license. The committee also desired to know whether it is lawful for a person holding a required grade of license to be held responsible for the safe operation of a plant during the absence of such per-son from the plant. They further inquired whether the police authorities can be di rected to make investigations and institute prosecutions for infractions of the law ap-

that it is physically impossible for an en

gineer to be on duty twenty-four hours at a stretch day and night, and the charge way

made that electric lighting plant engines engines in hotels and in many other es-

by any person not duly licensed, and to require such licensed engineers to be al-ways in charge of the engines while on Capt. Beach, the Engineer Commissioner, stated that in his opinion no engineer has the right to leave his engine in charge, during his absence, of any but a lecensed engineer. Commissioner Wight explained that the Commissioners have always done what they could before Congress on the lines suggested by the committee, but that

lations as would prevent engines being run

oped.

The Commissioners assured the committee that they will fully investigate the matters complained of, and will do everything to correct the evils mentioned.

health officer, today announced that by the discharge of the following patients only three remain in the smallpox hospital of the District: Betty Bird of 465 School street southwest, William Moore of 855 Dixon court southwest: Annie Marshall of 916 14th street: Matthew Shanklin of 825 2d street southwest; Walter Riley of Tenleytown, and Charles E. Johns leytown, and Charles E. Johnson of 1612 Madison street. Ten persons held in the smallpox detention camp were also dissmarpox deterrior camp were also the charged today. No new case has been reported here since the 13th instant, and Dr. Woodward feels that the outbreak of the disease is about over.

Isaac Bailey today pleaded guilty of assaulting Helen Ball. The court imposed a penalty of \$2 or ten days in jail.

BALTIMORE, May 31.—Flour quiet, unchanged; receipts, 27,759 barrels; exports, 5,001 barrels. Wheat strong and higher; spot and the month, 79a 794s; June, 79a794; July, 81a8134; August, 894a 814; steamer No. 2 red, 74a7434; receipts, 105.534 bushels; exports, 26,000 bushels; stock, 673,582